

Congressman Pence, who [announced](#) his bid to be Chairman of the House Republican Conference a couple of weeks ago, is getting attention from Indiana media for what could be a more prominent role in articulating the conservative message.

*The Columbus Republic* [editorializes](#) that

*[Pence's] message has been consistent over his years in public life — small government, low taxes, fiscal restraint, muscular national defense and obedience to God. It is the reason voters in this district chose him for Congress in the first place and have repeatedly re-elected him. While redistricting moved most of Columbus out of Pence's district, it is safe to say that his Bartholomew County upbringing has allowed him to carry our community's values to the Capitol.*

*The role as House Republican conference chairman would give him a bigger microphone than ever to espouse his views. If chosen, Pence would become, in essence, the person crafting the conservative message in Washington. His years as a radio host and his consistent commitment to being a cheerful warrior in the army of Ronald Reagan make Pence uniquely qualified for this role.*

While the *Anderson Herald Bulletin* [adds](#) that

*After the Nov. 4 election, he was asked to run for conference chairman by current party leaders, including House Minority Leader John Boehner.*

*"The people that urged me to step forward did so because they have seen in me willingness to stand firm," said Pence, who has been known to adhere to his conservative values when it goes against his own party.*

*"We need to bring our party back to those common sense values, fiscal discipline and moral values. I don't think we need to come up with a new set of ideas to stand for; there's nothing wrong with the Republican party's commitment to a strong national defense, to limited government, to strong values, but the Republican party had lost credibility on those issues."*

Leadership elections will take place this week.